

**THE FIRST ALASKANS INSTITUTE
NARRATIVE REPORT
Ambler Wind Turbine Project**

I. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. The wind turbine project was a way to not only measure wind for the purposes of saving energy cost for our village residents in the future by utilizing alternative energy, but also to help minimize the usage of environmentally unsafe diesel.
2. The wind turbine was purchased along with all the necessary equipment to install it and this has been accomplished. We had a couple come up from the lower 48 to install the wind turbine along with some help of our local people. Manillaq Association helped us with some cost to complete the project. The grant money was expended toward the cost of the wind turbine project and associated costs. Our Tribal Council and Staff put in a lot of voluntary time for the wind turbine project.
3. One difficulty we encountered was acquiring land for the wind turbine in the exact location that was the most feasible and best for long-term use. We had difficulty because the city controls the lands within our village and it was difficult to acquire the land we requested. This held up the project the longest. We had to change our planning on our small area of land owned by the tribe that was a secondary choice for installation of the wind turbine.
4. Land for the wind turbine was challenging and most difficult.
5. Based on our experience the Tribal Governments who have the status of a government-to-government relations with the federal government should not have to be tied up with all the red tapes when it comes to the State of Alaska and all its subdivisions which are less than equal to the tribal governments. We would suggest that the Denali Commission and the State of Alaska sit down with the Tribal Governments and work on issues negatively affecting the Tribal Governments. The Tribal Governments should not have to answer to the subdivisions of the state and no tribal projects should be held up for any reason. The strength lies within the Tribal Governments in the State of Alaska, even the state would benefit if the state and its subdivisions just honor the status of the Tribal Governments. We should not be required to have a support letter from the City of Ambler in order to be granted financing for any projects by the Tribal Government we hold a special status unlike the city governments. We do not need their endorsements to get funding for any project.
6. We wish to continue with our plan to get more wind turbines installed within our village. The financing will be very limited but we have hopes to continue with our plan.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

The organizational context of our project was no problem it was just a matter of waiting for land transfer that hindered our timely completion of our project. Then one thing to consider is that the Tribal Administrators work load and responsibilities are so broad that we have limited time to get all work done sometimes, especially when we have projects that do not provide paid project coordinators on site for example for this wind turbine.

III. ATTACHMENTS

We will be sending you photos of our wind turbine by e-mail how soon will depend on when my camera is brought to my office. We will be taking pictures with a digital camera so we can e-mail a copy to you as soon as possible.

***NOTE:** Thank you, First Alaskans Institute for financing the beginning of our wind turbine project. We look forward to working with you again.*

FIRST ALASKANS FOUNDATION PROJECT FINANCIAL REPOST

Organization: Ambler Traditional Council

Project Title: Wind Power Study

Grant Number: 3/22/2001 Interim Report Final Report

Dates Covered by this Report: June 30, 2003 to July 30, 2003

Line Item	Amount Approved	Amount Expended	Balance
Personnel Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Personnel Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Personnel Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Office Space	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment/Supplies	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ -
Travel/Related Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Administrative Fee	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
In Kind	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
Total Non-Personnel Expenses			\$ -
Total Project Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -

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